June
15th
1938

Rev. E. E. Bromley
Hoonah
Alaska

Dear Mr. Bromley:

I am enclosing herewith a page from THE STAR WEEKLY of Toronto, which describes the very romantic missionary enterprise that is being carried on by the Board of Home Missions of the United Church of Canada. It appealed to me very strongly as a type of work that might well be introduced into our program of Presbyterian missions in southeastern Alaska. Of course, we have the Princeton, and I realize that it is used occasionally to carry sick people to the hospital and for other types of work similar to what is described in this article; but it has always seemed to me that the Princeton is kept so busy on other errands that it does not seem possible to use it specifically for a program of human welfare and evangelism such as is visualized in the activity of the United Church Marine Missions on the British Columbia coast. If there is need in that area, it seems to me that there is still more need among the natives in southeastern Alaska.

Since I have been obliged to abandon my hope of using the Princeton primarily for this type of work, much as I would like to see it done, I have had it in mind to give Walter Soboleff an appointment to do this very kind of work when he graduates from Dubuque next spring. The girl he is going to marry is a trained nurse; and if we could appoint them as itinerant missionaries, equip them with a boat not nearly so large or pretentious as the Princeton, I believe they would be able to carry out the plan which I have longed to inaugurate in our work in southeastern Alaska but for which the way has not seemed to be clear since I found that the Princeton either was not available or not adaptable to this type of ministry.

My purpose in sending this article to you is, first of all, to sow the idea of inaugurating work of this kind in the minds of the members of Alaska Presbytery; and, second, to secure the reaction of each of you to the plan which I have in mind, to appoint Walter Soboleff as an itinerant evangelist, equipped with a boat, and with his wife as a nurse to carry on a purely evangelistic work among the natives in the little villages and canneries, whom we do not reach in the program of the Princeton and among whom it is not necessary or advisable to establish churches or to erect church buildings. What we want above all things is to take Christ into the hearts and lives of individual natives, and I shall never feel that our program of Alaska missions is thoroughly efficient until we have a missionary who is reaching the scattered, isolated, and unevangelized portion of the native population who are living in the small villages all along the southeastern Alaska coast.

I am taking you into my confidence in this matter and I hope you will write me frankly giving me your reaction to these plans which I have in mind and which I have discussed with Walter Soboleff with his hearty approval, and which have been brought to a focus by the reading of this article concerning the Marine Missions of the United Church, of whose ministry I was not aware until this paper came into my hands.

Faithfully yours,

JMS:BH

Hoonah, Alaska

7/22 38

Dr. J.M.Somerndike

156 Fifth Ave. N.Y.

Dear Dr.Somerndike:-

I want to answer your letter written June 15th. in which you ask for our judgement regarding work for Walter Soboleff within the Presbytery of Alaska after his graduation next spring.

We are most certainly looking forward to the time when Walter will be ready to begin his work in Alaska. And the way I see it his job is waiting for him. We feel the need of a more complete program of religious education and evangelism throughout the Presbytery. And Walter will be qualified to give his time to this program. The women of the Presbyterial have been making strong appeals to the National Missions Com.for a program such as Walter could carry out.

Last spring we asked the Board for an appropriation that would make it possible to place another ordained man on the Princeton to work with Mr.Swanson,and to have complete charge of the work done when the Princeton called at the native villages. I believe that is the place for Walter. There is no field for another boat to supplement the work of the Princeton. There are a few small white settlements where no christian work ~~christian work~~ is being done,but the native population is being reached.

Sincerely,

R.R.Bromley

Monthly Statement

We held two very well attended Vacation Bible Schools. One at Icy Straights Canning Co. Cannery near Hoonah. The other at Puget Sound and Astoria Packing Co. in Excursion Inlet.

Dr.Somerndike wrote saying that I could replace the equipment stolen from the Lindsley and send him the bill.I have replaced the things stolen and am sending in the bills with the other Lindsley bills. I did not buy another anchor,but Swanson returned to me the one I gave him a year or so ago.

I am not sure how much was used of the Lindsley appropriation while the boat was at Klawock. I am assuming that I will have one hundred and fifty dollars as usual.

S.H. Bromley

Hoonah, Alaska
8/16 '38

Dr.J.M.Somerndike
156 Fifth Ave. N.Y.

Dear Dr. Somerndike:-

As a member of the National Missions Com. I am writing to give you my convictions regarding the new Lst.Church building in Juneau. In talking with Mr.Pederson I understood that you are considering making the social rooms smaller to save money for the new Manse. I want you to know that I believe the old Manse should be used for a while rather than sacrifice the size of the church building. Mr.Waggoner's desires and judgement should be given first consideration in this . He knows conditions on his field and his years of experience there puts him in a position to help decide this important matter.

The native people at Haines,Hoonah,Angoon,Kake,and even ~itka,will benefit by this new building.They all go to Juneau frequently and a church with social rooms large enough to accomodate the young people,will be a great help in keeping them out of the liquor stores.

This is a trying period in the history of Alaska Missions. The future of our work depends on the way we meet our present problems. I believe the building such as you are giving to Juneau is an important step in the right direction.

Sincerely,

R.V.Bromley

Monthly Statement

As a rule the attendance at our services was small all through the past month. We visited the canneries and found there had been a good run of fish and everyone was working. One Sunday we could not have a service at all. But we visited the people and did what we could to encourage them and keep in touch with them during the summer.

We had a most hearty welcome when we stopped at Hawk Inlet Cannery. The people were not having a great deal of work just at that time and over eighty of our native people and orientals working there attended the service. They were so interested in singing the gospel songe that we did not get through until late. We met one of the men t that is studying in a Bible Institute in Seattle.

The Lindsley's engine has given us considerable trouble.We have tried to keep the boat going by patching the leaky engine head. I have had the engine apart three times.Twice we came into port with a crippled engine fireing on two cylinders instead of three. But we hope our new head will be here this week.

The Christian Fellowship Party conducted by the Sunday School Times stopped at our cannery about two miles from Hoonah.They walked from the cannery to the town of Hoonah and we held a short service in the church. Some of the party did not care to walk back so we took them back on the A.L.Lindsley. It was interesting to learn that one lady in the party was a member of Dr.A.L.Lindsley's church in Portland and knows Dr.Lindsley's daughter. She was very glad to have the privledge of riding on the boat named after the former pastor.

R.V.Bromley

Monthly Statement

During the past year two new houses have been erected on the Mission ground here at Hoonah. John F.Williams has lot No.2 and John C. Johnson has Lot No.10. The families are both living in their new homes,although the houses are not painted on the outside and the lot is not cleared or fenced. They are both well built and will help to make the Mission ground attractive and influnece our native people to build better homes.

It has been announced that Gustavus(called Strawberry point) is being considered by the Federal Government as a desireable location for an airplane base. The settlers at Gustavus are sure that such a base will be established. And should this proposed project actually be realized it will mean that the population of this Icy Sts.district will be more than doubled. The Presbyterian Church must be ready to serve the increased population as soon as the work starts.

Sincerely,

R.R.Brownley

Oct.
21st
1938

Rev. E. E. Bromley,
Hoonah, Alaska

Dear Mr. Bromley:

I was very much interested in the statement enclosed with your recent report regarding the possibilities of establishing work at Gustavus. I would like to have answers to the following questions regarding this situation:-

1. How many families are at Gustavus and what is the population of the district at the present time?
2. What ministry have you been giving to the people at Gustavus and vicinity, both during the winter and summer seasons?
3. Has any other denomination undertaken to do any work there?
4. Have the Pentecostals or Seventh Day Adventists entered that field, or do their ministers hold services there at any time?
5. Would it be possible for you as the missionary at Hoonah, using the mission boat, to minister to the Icy Straits district with its increased population?
6. If not, what recommendations would you make for serving this field in the future?

Awaiting your reply, I am

Faithfully yours,

JMS:BH

Hoonah, Alaska
11/11 '38

Dr. J. M. Somerndike
156 Fifth Ave. N.Y.

Dear Dr. Somerndike:-

In my last monthly report I mentioned the possibility of the Government establishing an air plane base at Gustavus. I have your letter in which you ask for further information about the present conditions at Gustavus.

At present there are nine families at Gustavus, with a total population of about thirty four.

We have been holding services there occasionaly. We have conducted a Daily Vacation Bible School there twice. After the first school we organized the Sunday School which has been running quite regular ever since. Although we organized the Sunday School I believe at the present time they would say they are offiliated with the Pentecostal Mission in Juneau. Some of the people living at Gustavus are connected with the mission in Juneau. Recently a young lady connected with that mission came to Alaska and this spring was married to a young man living at Gustavus. They have established their home there and she has assumed controll of the Sunday School. She is the natural leader there and of course the right person to have in charge. I am just as weldome there as before and will continue to hold services when I can. I have never known of the Seventh Day Adventest man being there for a service.

Now as for the future. There was one report over the radio that work on the Governemnt air base would be started in the spring of

thirty nine. But I hardly think that report reliable enough to count on very strongly. We will have to wait for further announcement before we really know what is to be done,or if anything is to be done.

If and when the Government does actually begin work I could look after the field for a short time,running over from Hoonah with the Lindsley. But such an arrangement should be only temporary. I would most certainly recommend that we move in an occupy the field just as we did when the Government started the new town of Palmer in connection with their colonization project. Aside from Mrs.Glen Parker conducting the Sunday School at Gustavus,we are the only church doing any active work in this district. The field naturally belongs to us. Of course the Greek Orthodx Church and the Salvation Army both have work here in Hoonah,but they would not be in a position to take care of Gustavus with a large building project going on.

Sincerely,

A.K.Bromley

P.S. I am enclosing check for twenty dollars,our Thanksgiving offering to the Board of National Missions. The offering was taken up Sunday morning Nov.4th.

E.E.B.

To Treas. Office
11/25/38
Receipt will be
sent to Bromley

Monthly Statement.

During the first week in November the Princeton brought Mr.Webster and a group of his people to Hoonah for a series of evangelistic meetings. The party was made up of four students and two teachers from S.J.S.,one elder from the Sitka church,and Mrs.Rudolf Walton. Meetings were held each evening with smaller gatherings during the day. There was a growing interest and response to Mr.Websters messages that reached a climax on Sunday evening. About thirty eight came forward to express their desire to live a more consistent christian life. The most of them were already members of the church,but I will have some new members resulting from the meetings.

We also have quite a large group that is still growing who have taken the pledge of the Recabites. We are following the lead of the Ketchikan church and posting these names in the church and will draw a black line throughthe name of any one failing to keep the pledge.

We are also circulating a petition asking the authorities in Juneau to refuse to renew the licenses of our two liquor stores for the coming year.

E. E. Brumley

Feb.
6th
1939

Rev. E. E. Bromley,
Hoonah, Alaska

Dear Mr. Bromley:

We have been wondering for some time what progress is being made by the congregation at Hoonah in developing the grace of giving. You and Mr. Swogger are the only two missionaries in Alaska Presbytery who continue to receive their entire salary from the Board and concerning whose churches we have no information as to the amount they contribute toward local support. In your monthly reports you fail each month to make any note of the amount of money contributed by the church toward National Missions or for benevolences. We would like to have a statement from you regarding this whole situation and informing us as to the prospects for the future. Perhaps it would be a good plan to notify your congregation that beginning next October 1st they will be expected to pay a definite amount monthly toward your support. The Board has maintained the work at Hoonah for many years in a very generous way. The recent enlargement of the plant and repairs which have required a very substantial appropriation from the Board's funds should place the congregation in a position now to assume some definite responsibilities in the matter of local support. Our Christianization program among natives in Alaska as among the Indians in the States is not accomplishing its purpose if it fails to impress upon the people the necessity of supporting the work of the church in their community. They must not be trained under a paternalistic system which makes them forever the recipients of the benefactions of others. Sacrificial giving is one of the primary virtues of the Christian life.

Awaiting your reply, I am

Faithfully yours,

JMS:BH

Monthley Statement

The daily record of the past month as shown on the enclosed blank does not tell the story of our work for the past month. The days preceeding Christmas were filled with so many things we could not find a place to record them. Groups coming to practice, or for conference, individuals for information, time spent in preparing material to be used in programs. If we were not practicing some part of the program, we were cleaning up and putting things in place after the practice. And so the days and weeks went by and another Christmas season has come and gone. We trust that the preaching of Gods Word, the telling of the Christmas story over again, the singing of the Christmas Songs, will start our people on the New Year ready for progress and deeper christian experiences than would have been possible without our days of labor and careful thought.

Bromley

Monthly Statement

Hoonah is a busy place. Our time has been taken up with public mass meetings protesting against proposed legislation by the Territorial Legislature now in session; fighting the disappointed liquor dealers whose liquor stores have been closed since the first of the year, but who are still trying to get their license renewed; raising money to pay for the material going ijto the new Alaska Native Brotherhood Hall that is under construction.

On top of all of this we are busy painting up our houses, tuning up our choir, and tanking up our oil burners, in preperation for the meeting of Presbytery and Presbyterial that is to meet in Hoonah March 20th. Delegates to arrive on the 18th.

S. H. Bromley

Hoonah, Alaska

4/3 '39

Miss Helen E. Wolf

156 Fifth Ave. N.Y.

Dear Miss Wolf:-

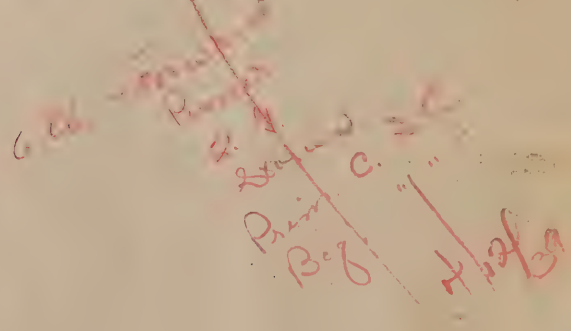
We are looking forward to our summers work among the cannery people, both our own natives that spend the summer months at the salmon canneries, and also the many that come into Alaska from the Pacific coast cities.

We need a supply of reading matter and in the past the Board have sent us back numbers of Sunday School papers. It would greatly aid us in our contact with the people and at the same time make good use of the papers if you could arrange to have a bundle three or four doz. of each of the Boards papers sent us some time in the current month.

Sincerely,

G. H. Bromley

Missionary



Monthly Statement.

My report of the week beginning March 17th.does not represent nearly all of the activities of our church and our people. During that week we entertained the Presbytery and Presbyterial of Alaska Presbytery. It was with a great deal of hesitation and with some reluctance that our people undertook this responsibility. And now that it is over we are all glad that we had the courage to give the invitation. We have received so many glowing letters replete with descriptive adjectives that we would be inclined to feel important if we did not know that we did not deserve half of the good things that were said about us.

But we do hope and pray that the team work that was developed during the meetings will be used in taking care of some of our town problems and in bringing about a deeper spiritual life in our own church as well as in the other churches in Hoonah

W. E. Brockley

June 1946

Board of National Missions

The Committee on Christian Education asked me to teach two cources at the Young Peoples Conference May 31st to June 5th.

It came to me that the only way we could do any work at the canneries near Hoonah this summer was to get the use of the Sheldon Jackson School boat before the season opened for fishing.

In carrying out this idea I talked with Mr. Yaw while I was at Sitka. Mr. Yaw was interested in having the SJS used for Bible Schools and services at the canneries and arranged to have the boat take the young people home from the Conference,and then remain at Hoonah under my direction with the understanding that it would be returned to Sitka by June 22nd.

Mr. Weeks,the boys supervisor at the school,and Mrs. Nelson, the wife of the boat captain,both assisted me in the services and the two Bible schools we conducted. We opened our work with a service on Sunday evening June 9th.at the Astoria and Puget Sound Packing Co. Cannery in Excursion Inlet. The Vacation school opened on Monday morning and lasted for five days. We had an enrollment of twenty one with a good average attendance. We then went to Tenakee Inlet where the Superior Packing Co. Cannery is located. There we conducted a four day school,and held four public services. At the request of the cannery superintendant we prepared a petition to be presented to the Judge of the District Court in Juneau,requesting the close of the liquor store at Tenakee. This petition was presented at the last public service and those present signed the request.From that meeting it was taken by the people to the remainder of the fishermen and cannery workers.

When we arrived at Hawk Inlet,our next stop we found only a handful of people there. The most of the workers were delayed in their arrival because of labor disputes. So instead of staying there we went on and spent our last day at Gustavus,a white agricultural settlement where we are always welcome. A service attended by nearly the whole settlement was held in the evening.

A fine spirit of fellowship and cooperation made this trip an enjoyable and highly profitable missionary undertaking. I trust the Board will approve and will allow something toward the expense of the SJS.

Sincerely,

A. P. Brumley

Hoonah, Alaska
7/2 '40

Dr. Everet B. King
156, Fifth Ave. N.Y.

Dear Dr. King:-

In my last monthly report I told you about our Young Peoples Conference at Sitka, and of our Vacation Bible Schools at the canneries. I was not feeling well the last two days on the boat and after I reached home I had quite a time getting over a severe throat infection. At present I am draging myself around. So we have decided it is best to go to the states where I can have a good going over by some doctor. We are leaving on the 8th. and will plan to be back in one month. I feel that if I get away from all responsibility and see a good Dr. I will be able to come back in good shape for the winter. I am sorry I can not get down in time to attend the Synod of Washington, for I have just learned that you are to be there for that meeting.

Sincerely,

H. H. Bromley

July 1942

Monthly Statement

We are leaving the 8th. of July for a months vacation in the states. Mrs.Bromley has some important dental work that should be attended to right away. I am going to go through the Clinic at Rochester Minnesota. I also have a business matter to attend to at my old home in Minnesota.

As usual our people are nearly all at the canneries. We will be back before the fishing season closes and will be here to welcome them at the end of the season.

Hoonah, Alaska
Aug. 31st. 1940

Dr. Everett B. King
156 Fifth Ave.N.Y.

Dear Dr. King:-

You no doubt have my last mongh's report and know that we are back in Hoonah. I am feeling fit for the winters work and just waiting to know what you want us to do.

On our way home we had to spend Sunday in Juneau. We took advantage of that opportunity to see something of Walter and Mrs. Soboleff. We were very much concerned about them having to live in the church. It might be all right for a man with good health but Mrs.Soboleff should not stay there very much longer. They should have a home where they can be more comfortable. I told Walter he had better look around for a house that they could rent for the winter and if he found one he had better take it and move in. I made this recommendation because I did not know how to reach you without delay and we felt that action should be taken at once. Mrs.Soboleff had a bad cold and was worried about herself. I trust you will approve .

Word has just reached me that our old friend Robert W. Wood,of Burton,Oregon,has applied for work in Alaska. We knew him during our college days at Macalester College,St.Paul,Minnesota. If he has developed into the preacher he promised to be,he should be fitted for work in Alaska. His brother is doing a fine work at North Fork,Cal.

Sincerely,

E.E.Bromley,

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Haines, Alaska
Oct. 5th. '40

Dr. Everett B. King
156 Fifth Ave. N.Y.

Dear Dr. King:-

One week ago the SJS took me out to a new fishing village that promises to grow into a thriving town. There is a school there this winter with about twelve children. I held two services there and also started a Sunday School. I had a small quantity of Sunday School supplies with me, enough to last for perhaps two months. There are a few children below school age so they will have about fifteen and I want to ask you to send direct to them supplies for one quarter. One Primary and one Junior teachers quarterly should be included. Some left over supplies for the first quarter of 1940 would do them just as well as the currant quarter.

Send the supplies to the following address:-
Territorial Teacher, Pelican City, Alaska.

By the time they use up these supplies they should have enough money on hand to order their own.

While I am asking you for supplies for this new school I would like to have some left over papers for our Hoonah Sunday School. We order our quarterlies and teachers helps, but we have so many young people in Hoonah and do not have enough money to supply all the papers we need. If you can send us a package of old papers we will pay the shipping charges. Address the package to me.

Sincerely,

E.E. Bromley

E.E. Bromley, Missionary

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Hoonah, Alaska
Oct. 24th. '40

Dr. Everett B. King
156 Fifth Ave N.Y.

Dear Dr. King:-

On my recent visit to Tenakee Hot Springs I was successful in getting Mrs. Robert E. McCully, wife of the Territorial School Teacher, to promise to "do what I can", to conduct a Sunday School during the winter. I had some Sunday School helps with me and gave her enough to last until about the first of the year. Can you have the Board send her supplies for the first quarter of the New Year. They have twenty six enrolled in the school. They should have two teachers quarterlies.

There is a liquor store at Tenakee and the children see a lot of drunkenness and disorder. A Sunday School with the teaching of the Bible is greatly needed in the town.

Address supplies to:-

Mrs. Robert E. McCully
Tenakee
Alaska

Sincerely,

F. B. Bromley

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Hoonah, Alaska
Oct. 24th. '40

Dr. Everett B. King
156 Fifth Ave. N.Y.

Dear Dr. King:-

Arrived in Hoonah Wednesday evening after being on the SJS four Sundays. Mrs. Bromley had charge of the services here and had one of the native men conduct a service each week.

This is in answer to your letter written Oct. 15th asking about the rooms in the Petersburg Church occupied by Mrs. Mary Sawa, and the Labor Union.

The contract with the Bureau of Indian Affairs states that Mrs. Mary Sawa must be given a mongh's notice before she will have to vacate the rooms. There is no definite period of time mentioned in the contract.

As George Betts needs the rooms she is occupying she has been notified that she will have to move, and she is trying to find a place. George wrote me today that she has not found a place. The Bureau of Indian Affairs pays rent six dollars per month.

The Labor Union use rooms on the main floor for their meetings. Rent seven dollars and fifty cents per month. Their use of the church hooms does not interfear with the church program and they will no doubt continue to use the church as a meeting place. George feels it is all right.

They saw the delapidated condition of the living rooms when George moved in and were lead to pay forty five dollars on the rend that was due. Paying rent to Sept. 1st. For this reason I felt it would be wise to use the money for something that was needed in the church. I turned it over to George and he will probably make an effort to add enough to it to buy a much needed heating stove for the room used for the church services and Sunday School. I hope you will approve of this.

Sincerely,

N. E. Bromley

Chairman National Missions
Committee.

E. T. Crowley

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Hoonah, Alaska
Oct. 30th. '40

Dr. Everett B. King
156 Fifth. Ave. N.Y.

Dear Dr. King:-

At our meeting of the Alaska Presbytery held in Juneau Sept. 14th. I was appointed to act as boat missionary for a few weeks on the SJS, the boat belonging to the Sheldon Jackson School and chartered by the Board to take the place of the Princeton. The boat came direct to Hoonah after taking the members of Presbytery back to their fields.

On Sept 27th. we started out on a missionary tour that lasted almost a month, during which time we traveled about eight hundred and eighty miles and visited all of the towns and small settlements in the north end of the Presbytery with the exception of Skagway. Elfin Cove, Pelican City, Chichagofff Gold Mine, and Gustavus are all small settlements where no organized religious work has been carried on. Only once or twice a year do the people living in these places have an opportunity to go to a service, so our visit was appreciated and it was a privledge to give the Gospel Message to those who seldom hear it.

At Elfin Cove we found a girl nine years of age who had never attended school. Her parents are dead but she has friends that are interested in sending her to school. Haines House was the only place for her. As we were going on and would have to return that way we made arrangements to call three days later and take her to Haines. So Mary is now receiving christian training at Haines House and attending school with the other children. She is a bright girl and we hope she will soon catch up with the other children of her own age.

Pelican City is a new settlement where a cold storage is being erected. They already have a Post Office and a School. We held a service in the boarding house and one in the school house, also organized a Sunday School for the twelve or fifteen children living there. There is a possibility that the settlement will grow into a permanent town and we hope that our Sunday School will some day become an organized church.

To get to Chichagoff mine we had run out into the open ocean for some distance. The ocean swells were breaking on the rocks all around and our boat was tossed about by the waves. We visited the homes of the married men working at the mine and conducted a service in the evening.

Tenakee is built around a sulpher hot spring. The school here is much larger than the one at Pelican City. The teacher and his wife welcomed us and opened the school house for our service. They promised to do what they could to hold

a Sunday School for the children during the winter. I have them some supplies and have asked the Board to send some more.

After leaving Tenakee we visited the native villages where we have organized Presbyterian Churches with layworkers in charge during the winter months. Samuel D. Johnson is the worker at Angoon. He was moving into the Manse,a building recently bought by the Board. We helped him plan the bath room that will make his home more modern. On Sunday we held services and baptized three children.

The living quarters for the layworker at Petersburg are in the back part and on the second floor of a building that was formerly a lodge room and is now being used as a church. Dr. King wired permission to spend two hundred and fifty dollars to make some changes. When the work is finished George Betts and his family will have a comfortable home. Fanny,the daughter and a graduate of Sheldon Jackson School is a great help in getting the young people interested.At the same time she is working in the shrimp cannery earning money to go on with her education next year. At our service on Wednesday evening we had a fine group of people in attendance. I baptized one child and received one member on profession of faith and three by letter.

At Kake we helped Andrew Wanamaker and his wife get their things moved into the Manse and on Sunday held two services,talked to the children in Sunday School,and held a meeting with the church elders. Two members were received into the church and nine children were baptized.

A short visit with Mr.and Mrs. Champlin at Wrangell and two days in Juneau where I held conferences with Rev.John A. Glasse and Rev.Walter Soboleff on important church matters.I also made a trip out the highway to the Chapel by the Lake and welcomed Mr.Barrows who is just beginning his work as "Shephard of the Highway". We reached Hoonah on the evening of the twenty third.I am glad to get home and settled in the routine of my own church work and the more regular habits of life on shore.

Sincerely,

A.H.Bromley

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Hoonah,Alaska
Jan.4th '41

Dr.Everett B.King
156 Fifth Ave. N.Y.

Dear Dr. King:-

Some time ago you asked me for a statement regarding the rent of church property in the Presbytery of Alaska. I wrote to the men that had in the past been receiving rent on some church property. As far as I can learn the only property on which a definite rent is being received is the old Manse of the Memorial Church in Juneau. The rent is forty dollars a month,paid to our Stated Clerk, Rev.A.D.Swogger,Metlakatla. (That was the arrangements made in Sept. at our meeting of Presbytery)

The members of the Purseseiners Union of Petersburg have some understanding with the Officers of the Presbyterian Church for the use fo the church for their meetings. They have paid seven dollars and fifty cents a month when they meet. As far as I know the Union have only made one payment to the church.That was the check that I turned over to George Betts . They made that payment because they wanted to help George when he arrived in Petersburg and found the living quarters in such bad condition. I gave it to George because the people wanted to see it used right then to help meet the expense of their minister and his family.
The destitute woman occupying two of the rooms over the church moved out about one month after George arrived. The Bureau of Indian Affairs was paying her rent and there is still four monghs rent due, twenty four dollars in all. I have sent in a requisition for the amount but have not received a reply. I will forward it to you as soon as possible.

Another matter that I,want to call to your attention is the need for one of the missionaries to visit the Layworkers fields some time before our spring meeting of Presbytery the last of March. Unless there is some one else to go I could arrange to have one of the elders hold services for me while I made the trip on the Sheldon Jackson School Boat.

Sincerely,

E.E.Bromley,Missionary

Monthly Statement

Hoonah as well as nearly all of the other Alaska towns has had an epedemic of influneza.Most cases however were not bad. So far we have had only two deaths. Our church and Sunday School attendance was considerably decreased for two Sundays. There is still some sickness in the village.

We have just completed our School of Missions,held each Wednesday evening for three weeks. We used the Boards moving pictures that we have in Alaska for use in the churches. The attendance was very good,but due to the sickness in the village a large part of the attendance was children and young people,and the offering taken for the Board was small. We are enclosing three dollars the most of which was given when the pictures were used.

We are conducting a comunicantclass for a group of children some of whom we hope to receive into the church at the close of the class.

E.E.Bromley

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Dec.19th. '41

Dr.Everett B. King
156 Fifth.Ave. N.Y.

Dear Dr.King:-

I have just received the check sent out to Andrew Wanamaker. I am enclosing same.

I have no further word regarding the Kake Church. I have written them a letter to be read to the people explaining why they have not had a layworker appointed. I asked the elders to be sure and conduct regular services and keep the Sunday School going.

The most interesting item to report in connection with our Hoonah church is that we joined the Salvation Army in special evangelistic services for two evenings last week. Two members of the Salvation Army that had been drinking came forward to renew their promise. Our Hoonah people have been holding what we call "old custom feasts" ever since they returned to the village this fall. Night after night they gather in one of the large community houses and stay until one or two oclock in the morning. They dress in their old native costumes and paint their faces and sing their old native songs. This had greatly interfeared with our church program. We are glad that these feasts are over for this season. The last one was held this week.

Sincerely,

E.E.Bromley

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April 10th. '42

Dr.E.B.King
156 Fifth Ave. N.Y.

Dear Dr.King:-

As you instructed I left Hoonah March 25th. to visit Angoon and Kake. To save time and expense I arranged for Mr. Champlin to visit Petersburg.

I had a small trolling boat and we experienced some real hardship but I accomplished what I set out to do and returned safely.

I delayed my trip longer than I wanted to hoping that Sam Johnson would return from Seattle. But he was not there and I did the best I could to get the church reports in shape for the report to Presbytery. I held two meetings and baptised one child. The Angoon church is badly broken up by so many of the people going to Sitka to work on the government project. Mr.Ludy told me that twenty five school children left town. There were some new members to be received into the church but they had also gone to Sitka. The people enjoyed the services and the Communion. The Angoon church has some most loyal friends in the Ludy and Maurstad families. They took care of me while I was there. As you know they are white families,but they are interested in helping the people. They advised me to do everything possible to get a stronger leader for the church for the coming winter. They said Sam himself would like to have some one from out of the village to act as layworker. A white worker is really what they want.

I think I will have to ask the Board to hold Sam Johnsons salery check until I can write to him and find out what he is going to do about his church work when he returns from Seattle. He did not arrange for any one to take his place when he was away,and there were no regular services.

I was given a hearty welcome at Kake. We were caught in a storm and our boat started to leak and after being out almost all night found an anchorage until day light,then started on and arrived just in time for church service Sunday morning.

The elders at Kake have done remarkably well in taking care of their church. I could not get them to write to me and did not know just what was being done,but I was very well pleased with the spirit and attitude of the people. They have a fine Sunday School and have had regular services. John Bean seems to have been the strongest leader. At least he is the best talker. But when it comes to real

work done perhaps Willie Duququa,the Sunday School Superintendant,should have the most credit. I was glad when they elected him an elder in the Congregational meeting,and I had the privledge of ordaining him.
I received six new members into the church,three by letter,and baptised four children.

At a session meeting held Monday we discussed the matter of a layworker and the needed repairs on the church and manse. They would like to have a layworker but not a man living in Kake. They will be satisfied with some one appointed by the Board. They also would like the worker to be an ordained man or a white laywork er.

I went over the needed repairs very carefully and would strongly recommend that a grant be made by the Board if at all possible. They feel neglected and said they had been promised help but the help did not come,now they wanted to see their church redecorated so they would not be ashamed of it when strangers came into their village.
It is hard to estimate prices and freight but as near as I can figure we will need three hundred dollars for the repairs that should be made. They said they would not try to put in the church basement now. Perhaps you could use part of the money set aside for that and make these repairs for them. I have a list of what is needed and can send it to you if you decide it is possible to go ahead.

As you remember a new road was opened through the church property at Kake. The people are now building homes in that section.The church has some two acres of land and it is neared town than other land available. The elders asked me to find out if the Board would allow them to sell some of this land for building lots.One house is already built on the church property. I would suggest that the Board allow the land to be divided into lots one hundred feet square and a deed granted to any one building there on the same terms that apply to the Boards property here in Hoonah. I think however a matter of this kind should be taken up by Presbytery before any final settlement is made. With the Boards approval I will bring this suggestion before the first meeting and feel that it would pass.

I want to mention another matter that may lead us to a worker at Angoon or Kake this fall. Mr.Towne one of the men at Sheldon Jackson is an ordained minister in our church. I understand he is about to leave the school,but would like to stay in Alaska. He knows many of the young people in both of these villages and should understand the native people well enough to do some good work in the church. I think it would be to our interest to write him about the possibility of his taking one of these churches.

Sincerely,

E.E.Bromley

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May 30th. '42

Dr.E.B.King
156,5th.Ave. N.Y.

Dear Dr.King:-

Here are a number of matters that need your attention.

1. Regarding the repairs on the Kake church and Manse. When I visited Kake we estimated that it would take three hundred dollars to do all they wanted done. At the Presbytery meeting in Wrangell I brought this request before the National Missions Committee. We decided that on account of war priorities it would be impossible to get some of the material needed for the proposed repairs. One large item was plywood for the whole interior of the church.So the committee recommended that we ask the Board for one hundred dollars. That with what the church people can give will make it possible for them to replace some of the plasterboard and do the painting and make some needed repairs.

In your last letter to me you asked what the Kake people would do. I cannot say how much money they will contribute.That will depend on the kind of a fishing season they have. But they assured me that all the work would be donated.That all of the money would be used to buy material.

2. The expense of my trip to Angoon and Kake. I have delayed sending the bill for this trip until I could find out how much it cost Champlin to get to Petersburg. He said he caught a free ride on a local boat and had no expense. I am enclosing bills for $65.60.I would appreciate it if this was sent direct to my Seattle bank the same as my salery check is handled.

3. The Seventhday Adventest people are opening work at Craig. They have askedto rent the Manse and want to use the church. We are making it plane that we want the church for our own work and that it is not available for other purposes.
Unless you have a man ready to go to Klawock and Craig at once, I think it would be advisable to direct Swanson to visit Craig as soon as possible,and continue to go at least once each month as long as the field is vacant.

Sincerely,

E.E.Bromley

June 8, 1942

AIRMAIL

Rev. Mr. E. E. Bromley
Hoonah, Alaska

Dear Brother Bromley:

Enclosed you will find a check for $65.60 to cover your expenses on your trip to Angoon and Kake.

In regard to the request that you are making for the repairs to the Kake Church and Manse to the amount of $100. - I am not in a position to make that grant until and unless we have some definite commitment from the Kake people. In the past we have been giving these churches money without requiring them to commit themselves in a financial way which has been detrimental to their own independence. Until you can secure from these people a pledge of a definite amount of money to be used in this work, I shall not be in a position to let you have such a grant.

I note what you say about the activities of the Seventh Day Adventists in Craig and Klawock. I cannot agree with you that it would be the wise thing to have Swanson visit Craig and Klawock until the field is manned. Possibly it is the work of the Lord in having these Seventh Day Adventists there. Certainly we have made a miserable failure of taking care of these two fields during the last two or three years and as far as I can tell for several years behind that. My own conviction is that we do fair better in Alaska to properly man a few places rather than to spread ourselves in a large number and make ourselves so thin that we are not very effective any place. I know it is not easy for you to stand by and see some of this work go into the hands of other people and yet it may be the wise thing to do.

Cordially yours,

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July 11th. '42

Dr. E.B.King
156,5th.Ave. N.Y.

Dear Dr.King:-

As you know I was the Moderator of the Synod of Washington. I had all arrangements made to attend when it was announced that the authorities on the west coast had requested that all large gatherings be canceled. I had not heard from Dr.Thomson or received a program of Synod.At the same time we had word that it was almost impossible to get on a boat leaving Seattle for Alaska. I talked with Mr.Booth and we decided that it would be unwise to attempt the trip to the states for Synod.

I saw Mr.Barrows and learned that the Board was going to discontinue the services of the Sunday School Missionary out of Juneau. And my object in writing you now is to ask The Board to appoint Mr.Barrows as layworker for Kake during the coming winter. His wide experience as Sunday School Missionary will make it possible for him to do good work at Kake.

I do not have anyone in mind for Kake,that is any native layworker. Besides the Kake people would be pleased to have a white worker among them again. We should not allow Kake to go without some one in charge of their church for another year.

Mr.Barrows is planning to go to SJS as night watchman so should the Board approve of this recommendation it would be well to write him as soon as possible about going to Kake.

I did not talk with Mr.Barrows about this appointment, but I did gather from what he said that he would like to continue in christian work. However I cannot assure you that he would accept the appointment.

Sincerely,

E.E.Bromley

Hoonah, Alaska
July 25th. '42

Dr.E.B.King
156,5th. Ave. N.Y.

Dear Dr.King:-

I am writing in reply to the request for information about the military and defense situation in Hoonah and surrounding territory. Here at Hoonah we have not been effected yet and may not be in the future. Our people are now in the midst of the seasons salmon fishing doing all they can to assure a larg pack this season.

The people evacuated from three villages in the Aleutian Islands have been given temporary homes in this section of Southeast Alaska. About four hundred from the Pribilof Islands are at Funter Bay, housed in the cannery and mining buildings there. They brought their personal effects with them, and a Government Agent and two Priests of the Russian Church are with them. The nurse from Hoonah is there at present helping to controll and establish health and sanitary measures.

Some eighty five people from Atka Island are at the old village of Killisnoo, about three miles from Angoon. These people were taken out by air plane and could bring very little with them. Our people at Angoon and Kake donated clothing and food when they first arrived. They are repairing the old buildings and building new in preparation for the coming winter.

It would be well to have some one visit these and other places where more people evacuated from the wēstward will be settled. George Betts has offered to take me on a trip if I could pay the expenses of the boat and food for the crew.

Sincerely,

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Aug. 29th. '42

Dr.E.B.King
156,5th. Ave. N.Y.
New York

Dear Dr. King:-

Just received your letter written Aug. 17th.refering to layworker at Kake.

I am afraid Andrew Wabamaker has definitely eliminated himself from active christian service at least for some time.

George Betts came into Hoonah a couple of weeks ago when he was fishing in Icy Straights. He took me to Excursion Inlet Cannery where many of our people ar working.

I had a talk with him about the Kake church. He has worked there and knows the people as well as anyone. He suggested that we ask John Bean to act as layworker this winter.

When I was in Kake this spring they asked for some one that did not live in Kake,but said if we did not send anyone they would do the best they could by t hemselves.

I also hada conference with Topsy Duququa,one of the elders of the Kake church,who was here fishing. He promised to get the elders together as soon as the fishing season is over and find out how much the Kake people can give toward the repairs on their church.

Our local cannery has just closed the 1942 season with a good pack. The fisherman have done fairly well,but not as well as last year. This is considered a small cannery but they do not have fish traps and depend entirely on the fishermen.So the fishermen have a better chance to make money than at the canneries where they have traps.

Sincerely,

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Sept.4th. '42

Dr. E.B.King
156,5th.Ave.N.Y.

Dear Dr.King:-

It will soon be time for the layworkers to begin their work and I am writing to ask if you can let me know if there is to be any changes made this year. Last year they were on the field seven months beginning October 15th. They received $450,00 from the Board and $50.00 from their church.

If you can let me know I will write as soon as I hear from you.

I saw George Betts again this week.He is going back to Petersburg and will start his work right away. He does not ex ect to receive any salery until the rest of the layworkers begin in the other fields. He feels that Petersburg should have a worker there all year.

With your approval I will write John Bean that he will be commissioned layworker for Kake with the same salery as the others.

There is a matter that I want to bring to your attention but I will have to be careful to keep within the rules of the postal censor. A large project is underway in this district and there is a great demand for laborers.If the work develops as it now appears about half of my church membership will be away this winter.

I understand that the Board has funds to meet such an emergency.Should it be necessary could you secure funds for my traveling expenses so that I could go back and forth. Besides my own people there will be large numbers from other places,both native and white people.I am not sure what I would have to pay for transportation,probably somw where around five dollars a trip. And if I went twice a month I would need ten dollars each month. That is only a rough estimate but I think it would be a reasonable figure.

Sincerely,

E.E.Bromley

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Oct.11th. '42

Dr.E.B.King
156,5th. Ave.N.Y.

Dear Dr.King:-

Regarding layworkers for Alaska Presbytery. Hold up the appointment of John Bean and also Sam Johnson until you hear from me again. Conditions are so unsettled that I am not sure they will be on the field by the fifteenth of October.

George Betts has been at work and should receive his salery. At our Presbytery meeting in Wrangell we voted to ask the Synod of Washington to allow the Presbytery to ordain George Betts. The Synod has granted that request,and unless something unexpected happens we will examine and ordain him in Juneau this coming April. There is one thing we must bear in mind in this matter. George has had his boat repaired and received a loan which he will have to pay. Unless he sells his boat we will almost be compelled to allow him to continue fishing until he has his boat free from debt. There is a demand for boats now and I feel that he would have little trouble in disposing of it and be free to enter full time service.

I amrejoicing that you have given me permission to visit Kake and Angoon. I am leaving on the next mail boat the 17th.or 18th. of October. I may have to go through Petersburg and if I do will see George Betts and talk with him about full time service. I plan to stay in Kake long enough to organize the church work and get them started for the winter with some one in charge that will keep it going. I will go on from Kake to Angoon and help Sam get his work organized.

I feel that it is important to visit these fields now for in talking with the men I have seen I find there is a spirit of discouragement and defeatism prevailing. Some of the leaders both in the church and in the Salvation Army have been arrested and fined for illegal fishing. I know of at least one of the Kake elders that has been drinking.

I asked you for a travel allowance to hold services in the defense project that is under way near Hoonah. In talking with a man working there I find that a chaplain is to be placed in charge there. At present conditions are so confused with the work going on twenty four hours a day and man coming in so fast that there is no room even for workers. Later I will find out just how much I will be allowed to tell you about this project and tell you if it will be necessary for me to go there for a time until a chaplain arrives.

Sincerely,

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Nov.14th. '42

Dr.Everett B. King
156,Fifth Ave.
N.Y.

Dear Dr.King:-

I am back from my trip to the layworkers fields. As we read so often these days,I reached my objective and dropped my bombs,and they all fell within the target area. I was away three Sundays. Mrs.Bromley and the native people here kept our church services going during my absence.

My expenses were not as much as I had expected. I went into Juneau on a fish boat and only paid for my meals. The Kake elders raised seven dollars toward the expense to Angoon. As they did not give the money to me I have not included that seven dollars in my statement. With that my actual expense from Kake to Angoon was nineteen dollars and seventy five cents. The following is an itemized statement:-
Hoonah to Juneau,2.00;Juneau to Petersburg and Kake,20.80; Maintainance at Kake,6.25;Kake to Angoon,12.75;Angoon to Hoonah,10.00. Total,51.80. I am enclosing check for balance of one hundred dollar check you sent me.

Petersburg:- I had a good visit with George Betts.He has his work started and is going to do good work again this winter. I talked with him about full time service at Petersburg. On account of the debt on his boat he suggested that he serve ten months and be allowed to spent two months getting his boat ready and then fishing during the season. He could sell the boat but he and Mrs. Betts feel that they should have a boat.

Kake:- I spent thirteen days at Kake. Was there two Sundays.I was asked to conduct three funerals while I was there. This opened the way into the hearts of the people and gave me an opportunity to speak to the whole town. But their custom of having parties after the funeral interfeared with my services. However I had some good services and the work was very well organized when I left. I conducted a series of Week Day Bible Lessons for the school children and had almost the whole school in attendance.
John Bean is not going to be the layworker at Kake.He is going to be away part of the time and could not accept the appointment. I called a Congregational Meeting and the church members wanted William Duguqua. He has been Sunday School Superintendant for about two years.He was elected an elder in the church last spring. His wife is the organist for both Sunday School and church. Also he he did part of the preaching last winter when John Bean was in charge. He really did more work than John. I believe he will make a good worker and look after the work. He is interested in becoming one of our regular workers. He would like to take a correspondants course in Bible Study. Can you suggest a Bible School that has such a course that would be

simple enough for him,and one that would suggest sermon outlines. The LosAngeles Bible Institute in California has a number of courses,but you may know of some better school.
William Duguqua began his work Nov.1st.,his salery should start with that date.

Angoon:-About the time I was ready to leave Kake a bad storm came up and I was storm bound for three days,and did not have as much time in Angoon as I has planed.I had a service on Satureday night Nov.7th. and two services on Sunday. I had a childrens meeting Satureday aftern on and one Sunday afternoon.I made a number of calls on people who had gotten into trouble and wanted to come back to the church. We had three public confessions in which they renewed their promise to live a christian life. Sam Johnson's salery should also start Nov.1st. He showed me the check you sent to him for the last half of the month of October. I told him to keep the check and I would ask you to subtract the amount from his next check.

I found the people everywhere discouraged and unsettled with so many going away to work in war industeries,and so many young men going into the army and navy. And we are facing the same conditions here. Walter Soboleff will have church members from all of these towns to look after this winter.

I will try to have a special report on the defense project I wrote about recently. I have permission now to visit there and will make a survey and find out just what is needed.

Sincerely,

E.E.Bromley

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Kake, Alaska.
Dec. 27, 1942.

Mrs. Bromley
Dear Rev. Bromley:

I really wanted like to tell you of our activites here. We are having a very nice time. We have had a very nice time this Christmas. and we have thirty two members in the church choir, with miss Lucy for our pianist and Mr. Walter Williams as the choir leader. The young people are sure enjoying themselves. Nearly all of them are new members, and said they never thought being in church choir is something great. So willie and I are certainly happy over them. We just about all of the members are attending the church services now. Frank James our church elder has reported to J his fine wife is now doing his work faithfully with happy heart.

The Choir had gave a surprise birthday Party for Miss Lindy, on the 16th of December. and one for Miss Williams on the 25th of December. We had two Candle on the birthday Cake, and sixteen on Miss Lindy's. We sure enjoyed the young people and grand time. We also had one of the finest Time on the Christmas Program in the church. The Choir Was splendid with their pieces, they had the "Polished Choir" for this last. Even the Sunday School Children did well with their songs and Recitations. Santa Claus was there and passed Christmas Bags, and Candy Bags, and Candy to every Boy and Girl. Willie Lewis received a big stocking for Santa Claus, he came in while the Choir sang "Jingle Bells" for him. He really was cute and happy looking Santa, also Lindy. Willie and I are certainly happy over these splendid times we are having with

the church members, and the young people. and we do thank God for blessing us in the church work. + for answering our prayer.

I know Easter is still quite far yet, but yet I am already thinking of it. So at this early time I wish to ask you - if you have any invitations you could spare us. Why I am asking early is because our mail-boat is giving us a poor service. It hardly shows up. Now she hasn't showed up for three weeks ~~and~~ she probably won't show in for three more weeks. It is a freezing boat this time. So she's afraid to travel in this rough weather.

It is awfully cold here this whole month of December, snow three feet high in spots about 4 to 5 feet long. We finally moved in the

back bed rooms. ~~I~~ as you had. we find it much warmer. ah, its so cold.

We are all getting along very fine. and I am much stronger than I was, since you were here. and Danny is quite active as usual. ~~and~~ he is wanting to box with his daddy. Baby Jacqueline Ann is also very fine and growing fast. I do pray that you and The Family are fine. Will close, with best love to you both.

Sincerely yours.

Mrs. Ollie Bergeron.

Report of National Missions Committee
1943

Today as a Presbytery we are in the midst of many changes, and are facing new problems. People are coming to Alaska in large numbers. Some of our churches are called upon to minister to more people than ever before. While at the same time a number of our churches find that many of the members are away and the number attending church and Sunday School is greatly reduced.

Dr.King arranged for your chairman to visit the layworkers fields in October. I found the people bewildered and discouraged. Many of the leading church members were away,and those remaining in the village felt almost like asking "What is the use of trying to do our church work?" But this is not the time for our church members to say "What is the use",this is not the time to be discouraged. The new problems and increased activity in our great territory calls for greater effort than ever before. And now at the close of the winter months during which our people have had time to adjust themselves to the new conditions,there are signs that we are rising to meet the new opportunities. This is revealed in the reports that have come in and in the number of requests placed before the committee at this meeting of Presbytery. And they have been requests that are important and essential. Your committee feels like declaring an emergency and sending an S O S to the Board of National Missions.

Rev.A.N.Bily recently made a trip with the SJS basket ball team and visited Angoon,Kake,and Petersburg,as well as some other towns. He was able to conduct services and hold congregational and session meetings at Angoon and Kake. Rev.B.F.Judd was asked to make a special trip to Petersburg for that purpose. Aside from the visit of your chairman in October,and these recent visits to the layworkers fields,the churches of the Presbytery have been left to meet their problems alone.

During the greater part of the year Klawock and Craig have been without a minister. And for the second year in succession the small church at Kluckwan has been without a layworker. Recent word from these churches tell us that they are anxious the Board send some one to lead them in their work. The Presbyterian Church was established in these fields many years ago. During this time the people have looked to our Board to provide leadership. We cannot escape the responsibility of these fields. If an ordained minister cannot be provided for Klawock,they should by all means have a layworker there. And we strongly urge that the Board do something to restore the struggling church at Kluckwan. A representative from the Office of Indian Affairs ~~has~~ made a surveyof Kluckwan in recent weeks. When he returned he took the trouble to report that for the best interests of the community the Presbyterian Church should be reopened and a worker stationed in the field.

Sitka : The time has come when something must be done for the Sitka congregation. For a number of years necessary repairs have been postponed hoping that the new church would materialize. At the present time the building is unsafe for a large gathering. The Minister and Elders are embarased because they cannot enlarge their work to meet the demands of the increase in population due to the war conditions prevailing in that district.
The foundation of the church must be renewed;a fire exit must be

provided; New windows are needed; braces must be put in to make the building structurally safe.

Therefore we recomend that the Board make a grant of two thousand dollars at this time,to be added to a like sum from the Sitka church. The session have made a careful survey and estimate that they will need four thousand dollars to make the old building servisable for the next four or five years.

Sitka Manse -; Mr.Bily has spent the sum of $45.00 in redecorating the interior of the Manse,and estimates that it will take $20.00 more to finish all that needs to be done.

In addition Mr.Bily asked for $250.00 for a new furnace.It is impossible to keep the Manse warm with the old furnace.

If the Boards funds will not permit the full amount we recomend that $65.00 be granted for redecorating the interior of the Manse.

Petersburg-; It is well known to all of us that the layworker at Petersburg has most inadequate living quarters up stairs in the church building. At the present time there is a house and lot adjoining the church that is for sale. The price is $800.00. Mr.Betts believes that the Board should act at once to secure this house and lot. A year ago last fall Dr.King had plans for a new church building at Petersburg. When the time arrives for that plan to be carried out additional land will be needed for a manse. Now is our opportunity to get the very lot we want. We recomend that if possible the Board have George Betts secure this property.

Angoon-; The Angoon church unites with Sam G. Johnson the present layworker,in asking the Board to appoint Andrew Gamble as layworker for the coming year. Andrew Gamble is a SJS graduate and has supplied the church for a time this winter when Sam Johnson was away.

We recoment that this appointment be made.

We also recoment that $150.00 be granted to furnish the Angoon manse. Chairs,table,and beds are needed. Sam has been using his own things.

Kake-: William Dugaqua has been serving as layworker at Kake during the winter and he has had a most successful year.His reports have been good and his people are overflowing with enthusiasm for their church and their minister. Your committee has a petition signed by nearly every adult in Kake asking that Mr.Dugaqua be appointed for another year.

The people raised $126.00 for repairs on the church building. $96.00 has already been spent for paint and lumber,and the inside of the church is nearly finished.

Two of the elders from Kake came before the committee and asked the Board to make a grant of three hundred dollars,($300.00)to be used as follows -:

Paint for the outside of the church ---------	$50.00
To replace broken stained glass windows ----	30.00
To rebuild the bell tower ----------	50.00
Oil cook stove for the Manse ----------	170.00

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In addition to the above the Kake congregation are asking the Board to help them build a social and Sunday School room on one side of the church. If the Board can grant them $1000.00,the church will provide enough to finish the project,which will be about $500.00.

Hydaburg-: We recoment that $100.00 be granted for a circulating oil heater for the Hydaburg manse.

Closing item;- We further recomend that some time after the close of the fishing season in the fall a preaching mission be carried out

in Alaska Presbytery. That if possible Dr.King come to Alaska and be the principle speaker and guiding spirit on that mission.
Should Dr.King find it impossible to come to Alaska for this purpose we recomend that the National Missions Committee arrange for the mission to be carried out.
We also recomend that the Board secure the use of the new boat that is to be launched in the near future at the Sheldon Jackson School to be used in carrying out this mission.
Such a mission was to be carried out under the leadership of Paul Prouty as soon as the Princeton-Hall was in service. And it is needed more than ever now that we have been without a boat missionary for so long a time.

Respectfully Submitted,

E.E.Bromley
W.R.Booth
V.J.Swanson
Leslie Yaw
Committee

Efforts to Curb the Liquor Business at Hoonah

Monthly Statement

We have spent considerable time during the past month circulating a petition proposed to ask Judge G.F.Alexander to refuse to issue liquor licenses in Hoonah for the coming year. We have more signatures to our petition this time than we have in previous attempts to close our liquor stores. We are hopeful that something will be done this time. We have been encouraged by some of the white men asking to sign our request. One man that cannot resist the temptation hunted me up and asked if he could not sign. At the same time we had the unfortunate experience of being ordered out of the house of one of our native homes when we presented the petition and asked them if they wanted to sign it and do away with the liquor in Hoonah.

Some of our people living in large community houses are beginning to see that for the sake of their children they must have their own home. As a result all of the lots available on our mission ground have been spoken for, and two new homes are going up as soon as possible.

The Hoonah A.N.B. are starting their new hall. They bought the oriental bunk house at the abandoned P.A.F.Cannery in Excursion Inlet. They have part of the lumber here and the rest will be brought over soon.

E.E.Bromely

Monthly Statement.

The Territorial School was out early thi year and we took advantage of it and conducted a one week Daily Vacation Bible School for the small number of pupils attanding. We had almost a perfect attendance and there were nine enrolled.

As usual the Hoonah people are scattered this time of the year. They are at the trolling camps,at the canneries,out in some shelteres spot putting in a small garden,or repairing their boats in preparation for the fishing season.

Dr.Thorne and his party spent two days with us. We took him to one of the canneries where the Hoonah peoplr work and he took a good many pictures.

Mrs.Bromley and I have both had to go to Juneau for dental work. I was away three days and she was away four.

Monthly Statement.

We came on board the Princeton on the 17th. of June and have been acting as boat missionary since that time.

We made a long trip outlined in our daily record to get the members of the National Missions Committee together for a meeting at Ketchikan. We then went to Hydaburg where we introduced Mr.Fisher,a student working in the bounds of the Presbytery for the summer,and started him in his summers work.

We held a one week Daily Vacation Bible School at Tenekee cannery. Since then until the present time we have been with Dr. Thorne and his party. We have tried to assist him in every way possible.

Mr. Falconer our captain has been most willing and efficient in operating the Princeton so that it would serve Dr.Thorne's purpose, and I am sure Dr.Thorne is well pleased.

Signed,
R. L. Bradley

Monthly Statement.

Our people have been talking and discussing the Wheeler Howard Act. Although there has been some opposition to the Act being adopted here in Hoonah it has gone over strong. There have been two elections held. One to adopt the constitution and by laws, and an other to elect the council through whom the Government Officials will do business when the Act is finally put in operation.

We have heard the charge brought against our Alaska Natives that they did not love their children or give them the proper care. That charge is probably true in to many cases, but to prove that it is not general I am going to tell of an accident that happened in Glacier Bay last week. A party were in Glacier Bay hunting seal. One morning the men left the boat for the hunt leaving on board one of our larger fishing boats a young mother with two small children, one not yet two years old. A storm came up and the men did not get back to the boat until well on in the afternoon, when they found the older child, between three and four, on the boat alone. All the child could tell them was that the baby had fallen overboard and that mamma had jumped into the water after her. They worked for a long while trying to find the bodies but were not successful. The tide is very swift in the Bay and the water is full of glacial silt, making it hard to find anything on the botton.. This young mother evidently did not stop to think of her own life when she tried to save her baby.

W. H. Brownley

Monthly Statement

Our repeated efforts to build up the religious education program in our com unity is at last bearing fruit. The attendance at Sunday School is mush better than at any time since we came to Lomah. And we have also succeeded in getting our native young people to help in teaching with the younger classes. At present we have two former S.J.S. students teaching regular. A boy from Grangell Institute has been coming quite regular but is away just now.

Our week Day Bible Class is so large that we have two sessions one at two thirty and the other at three thirty Wednesday afternoon. They come direct to the church from the school.

Monthly Statement

On April 8th. two men went out seal hunting with a row boat and outboard motor. They did not return and the next morning their boat was found turned over. The bodies have not yet been found. One of the men was an elder in the Hoonah church. He has a wife and three children. The other man was his brother-in-law. It is believed that the accident was caused by the motor jumping off from the boat while moving an high speed. Thus suddenly swinging the boat around and turning it over.

This has been a hard blow to our people. The entire past week has been spent draging for the bodies. Luke Osborne, our elder, was respected and loved by the whole community. He had served as a deacon for a number of years and was later made an elder. We have been drawn close to our people in this great sorrow. and again we have been impressed with the wonderful effect of the Gospel message on the hearts of our people. We are able to realize something of the experience of the Disciples when they heard the Master speak to the waves "Peace be still ". His word has not lost its power to still the storms that sweep over the human heart. I only wish that the christian people in our church that are giving of their means to support the work of the Board of National Missions could fully realize what it means to these people to have a missionary among them their minds are bewildered and their hearts broken by such a sudden and unexpected blow.

Ashbrook

Monthly Statement.

As our people go out to the canneries and move out to plant their gardens our church attendence grows smaller and some of the regular activities have to be discontinued until next fall.

The attendance at our week day Bible School averaged from forty five to fifty until people began to go away. We closed our school with about fifteen attending.

Our Sunday School attendance averaged about fifty during the winter. Now we are having about ten or twelve who attend.

As we see our people moving away we are impressed with the fact that this field needs a boat so the missionary can follow when the village is deserted and keep in touch with the church members during the summer months. As soon as possible the matter of replacing the A.L.Lindsley needs to be considered.

B.H.Brandy

Monthly Statement

I am sending in a monthly report that is entirely blank. I have spent the month attending to my health. For some time I had known that I should have a thorough physical examination. When I returned from a two weeks trip to the canneries in this district my condition made us decide to go to the states. And it is fortunate that we made such a move. The examination at Mayo Clinic revealed the beginning of a stomach disorder that might well have developed into something quite serious. It may be to soon to determine, but right now it seems that the Dr.'s prescription is going to correct the trouble.

R. V. Bromley

Monthly Statement.

The Hoonah people are slow in returning to the village this year. There are two reasons for this. The first is that two of the canneries are enlarging and repairing their cannery buildings and some of the people have work there. The other reason is that they have had a good year and are visiting and enjoying more freedom than they have had for a long time because they have more money.

We are holding services and keeping the church door open so that when they do return they will find us waiting to welcome them.

Monthly Statement.

Yesterday I stood by the open grave of a young man about two years of age who was shot and killed in a drunken fight with his step father,who then tried to take his own life but only succeeded shooting away part of his face. By my side stood the mother of the young man whose body we had just placed in the grave,she was also the wife of the man responsible for his death. This is a gruesome picture,but there is another chapter to the story. Less than two years ago this broken hearted wife and mother stood by the grave of her first husband who was killed while engaged in a fight following an all night drinking party.

This story tells only a part of what the sale of liquor is doing to the native people of Alaska. A few days ago two young men one from Tenakee and the other from Excursion Inlet,fell into the water and were drowned while under the influence of liquor. They had gone to Juneau to celebrate after the close of the fishing season.One body was shipped back to the relatives,the other has not been found.

We have closed the liquor stores in Hoonah,and hope to keep them closed. It has made this a different place. But the job is not finished until all the places that sell alcoholic beverages are closed.

E.E.Bromley